

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : TORNIER
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Title : PROCESS FOR THE STERILE PACKAGING OF A
PROSTHETIC IMPLANT MADE OF POLYETHYLENE

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Docket No. : 14542

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

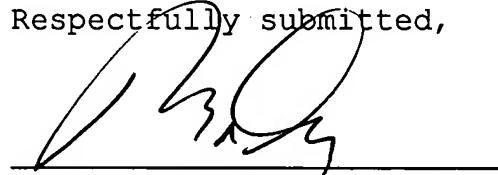
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R., §§ 1.97-1.99, applicant submits the following information which may be of interest to the examiner in charge of the above referenced application for patent. Copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, List of Prior Art Cited by Applicant, are attached.

Also being submitted herewith is a copy of the French Search Report with respect to FR 0215600 which shows the relevancy of the listed patent which are also being submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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	AA	5	2	3	6	0	8	8	08/17/1993	Dhority et al.			
	AB	5	8	8	1	5	3	4	03/16/1999	Ahlqvist et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	BA	0	9	8	2	2	3	6	03/01/2000	EP				
	BB	0	7	3	7	4	8	1	10/16/1996	EP				
	BC	1	0	9	7	6	3	7	01/03/1968	GB				
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OTHER PRIOR ART (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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